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Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director of the Central
Intelligence Agency
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Dear Gen. Walters:

Currently I am the Program Chairman for the Oklahoma City Rotary Club for our luncheon program on January 6, 1976. I understand from your secretary that you probably would not be available on January 6th, as you have a commitment in Houston, to speak to our Rotary Club. However, if you would be willing to speak to the Club I am sure that I could find another date that you could speak. Our Club meets on every Tuesday and the next meeting following the January 6th meeting would be January 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd, 10th, and 17th. If you would be available for one of these dates I could coordinate with that day's chairman to have you on the program.

The Oklahoma City Rotary Club has approximately 400 people. Recently General Keagan, whom I believe you know, addressed our Club and I believe some of the things he said were very enlightening to the membership. Many of the most prominent and influential businessmen in Oklahoma are members of the Oklahoma City Rotary Club. Due to the many recent and hysterical attacks on our Intelligence Community and our Military Services I thought that the chance to speak to a group such as this might give you an opportunity to counter some of the vicious propaganda being directed at our Intelligence and Defense Communities. I firmly believe that the current propaganda being directed at your Agency and other Agencies of the Government pose much greater dangers to our freedom than the few and far between mistakes that honest men will make from time to time when trying to put complex difficult policies into practice.

If you should come to Oklahoma City I would be glad to be at your service during your stay. I would greatly appreciate your addressing our Club and I believe it would be a big opportunity for both you and the Intelligence Community to counter some of the propaganda that is now being directed at the Intelligence Agencies. I would appreciate your letting me know as quickly as possible if you would be available.

Sincerely yours,



Ellis Edwards

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